Regular Meeting of the Burt Township Board Tuesday, June 10, 2014

7:00 PM -- Community Center

Attendance: Joe Venturato, Lori McShane, Lois Leavenworth, L. Scott Wieting, Tara Beckwith.

<u>Agenda:</u> <u>Motion offered by Leavenworth, second by Wieting to approve the agenda with the addition of portable toilet locations under item 12 - "other". 5 ayes</u>

<u>Public Comments</u>: Sheriff Bob Hughes addressed the board about the millage proposal that will be on the August ballot for the Alger county 911 service. 911 services in the county are primarily funded by telephone surcharges. With changing technology, many people have chosen to discontinue landlines resulting in decreased funding for 911 services. Without the supplemental funding through this millage they will not be able to keep up with rising costs.

Correspondence: None

Approve minutes: May 13 & 16, 2014: Motion by Wieting, second by Leavenworth to approve the minutes of the May 13 regular board meeting. 5 ayes. Motion by Beckwith, second by McShane, to approve the minutes of the May 16 special board meeting. 3 ayes

Department & Committee Reports: Reports were available from the Park, Ambulance, DPW, Fire, & Library. Supervisor Venturato encouraged everyone to read the ambulance report this month and pointed out that we are in a critical situation and may lose our ability to transport patients due to the lack of medically licensed crew members. We may need to drop down to the next level of care, in which a skeleton crew will stabilize the patient as well as possible and remain on scene until an ambulance arrives from Newberry or Munising. We need ambulance corps members! There is an EMT course starting in October in Luce County if anyone is interested. Please contact Lou Bailey or Nancy McDonald for more information. Please consider joining if you are able.

Board approved the disposal of aged equipment from the Fire department; a specific list will be forthcoming.

<u>Appointments/Resignations:</u> <u>Motion by Leavenworth, second by Beckwith, to approve hiring Scott Thorrington as Harbor Master. 5 ayes.</u> <u>Motion by Leavenworth, second by McShane, to accept with regret the resignation of Evelyn Morrison from the Ambulance Corps. 5 ayes</u>

Supervisor Report:

<u>Treasurers reports and Approval of Bills</u>: Treasurer's report – the accounts are reconciled. (\$892,433.38) <u>Motion by Weiting, second by Beckwith, to accept treasurer's report and approve the bills. 5 ayes</u>

Unfinished business:

Marine Tech/UPEA final payment request: Motion by Wieting, second by Leavenworth, to approve the resolution for final payment to Marine Tech at \$11,508.00 and U.P. Engineers at \$4,469.00, for a total of \$15,977.00. 5 ayes

<u>Marina Boat Launch extension:</u> Contract with Associated has been signed and they have been given a list of dates that they must work around due to activities on the bay. We hope to get scheduling nailed down soon.

<u>Community Center Kitchen Renovation</u>: Reviewed bids from Dressler for repair/replace of the hood vent over the stove in the kitchen. Also discussed replacing the roof; either just over the kitchen or the whole community center. Need more information to make a decision, will discuss further at special board meeting. It was decided to continue to reconstruct the kitchen, doing everything except for the insulation and the ceiling.

<u>Rifle Range</u>: We have approached the DNR with a request to include the property that the rifle range is currently on within the airport land swap deal that is in negotiation. The feedback is positive. We may have to relinquish the additional 80 acres that they had originally requested, or may enter into a lease agreement on the property. Negotiations will continue.

<u>Community Center outside painting (Mead family):</u> We received a grant award from the Alger Regional Community Foundation, and along with the monies raised by the Mead Family and the township contribution, we are very close to having all the funds needed to complete the exterior painting of community center. There will be cans placed throughout the community in the next few days to collect additional donations. The painter is tentatively scheduled to start the project on June 23, 2014. Please stop in at the township offices to see a sketch and the color choices the Mead Family has selected.

New business:

Recycling program through Hiawatha: We have contacted Hiawatha Shores recycling and disposal to inquire about a recycling program here in Burt Township. We are still waiting for their proposal.

<u>Airport Lease with Ed Bowen:</u> <u>Motion by Wieting, second by Beckwith, to enter into the lease with Ed Bowen for a hangar at the airport, for \$400, starting May 1, 2014, through April 30, 2015. 5 ayes</u>

<u>Other:</u> Portable toilet locations: After much discussion, it has been decided that the port-a-johns will be moved to the Marina area.

Public Comment: none **Adjournment:** 8:18 PM

Respectfully submitted June 12, 2014

Lori McShane, Clerk